

REMARKS

Claims 2-9 and 11-26 are pending in the application.

Claims 23-26 are new.

Claims 11-14 are allowed.

Claims 2-5 and 15-22 are rejected.

Claims 6-9 are objected to.

Claims 2-5 and 15-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e).

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 6-9 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Claims 6-9 have been rewritten as claims 23-26 in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims as suggested by the Examiner.

Claims 11-14 are allowed.

Examiner Interview Summary

On February 22, 2006, an interview was held between the Examiner and Derek Meeker, one of the Applicant's attorneys, to discuss the Examiner's rejections in reference to Kwon (U.S. Patent No. 6,661,710). The interview included discussions of elements of claim 2 and proposed amendments. The Examiner noted that Kwon did not teach "a command register coupled to an input of the ready/busy driver controller," as recited in claim 2.

Claim Amendments

Claims 6 and 7 have been amended to depend from a claim that is not cancelled.

Claims 2 and 15 have been amended to clarify the claims. Support for the amendments may be found in the drawings and specification in FIG. 2 and FIG. 5, and page 5, ll. 3-10. No new matter has been added.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 2-5 and 15-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kwon (U.S. Patent No. 6,661,710).

As described above, the Examiner noted that Kwon does not teach "a command register coupled to an input of the ready/busy driver controller," as recited in claim 2 and similarly in claim 15 before amendment. As a result, claims 2 and 15 are not anticipated by

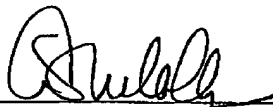
Kwon. Furthermore, claims 2 and 15 have been amended to clarify elements as suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, the Applicant requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejections of claims 2 and 15, and dependent claims 3-5, and 16-18.

Furthermore, claim 19 recites "generating at least one busy signal with the command register," and "generating a busy enable signal with the ready/busy driver controller in response to the power-up signal and the at least one busy signal." Similar to claims 2 and 15, claim 19 describes generating a signal with a command register and generating a busy enable signal with a ready/busy driver controller in response to the signal from the command register. Accordingly claim 19 is not anticipated by Kwon. The Applicant requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejections of claim 19 and dependent claims 20-22.

For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and allowance of claims 2-9 and 11-26 of the application as amended is solicited. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

Respectfully submitted,

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